

Quick Guide to National Geographic Virtual Library

Overview

National Geographic magazine is a magazine published by the National Geographic Society. Founded in 1888, the society explores the world with photography, maps and articles.

National Geographic Virtual Library (NGVL) supports scholarly research needs in the areas of science, history, technology, the environment, cultures, and more. It has a completely digitized archive of every *National Geographic* magazine issue since it began in 1888, with full text and photographs. Maps and videos are also available.

Unique features include:

- Ability to browse magazine issues month by month; you can establish limits on which magazine you would rather view.
- Image Search, which allows you to search for images by image type, such as cartoon or photograph.
- Ability to see term frequency on a keyword search.

Details

Browsing

- The **Browse Magazines** tab will allow you to browse through all National Geographic magazines dating back to the year 1888.
- You can **filter by date** by using the **To** and **From** dates to narrow your search.

Searching

- Use the **Basic** Search feature by typing your search term into the box on the database home page located in the top right corner.
- You can **refine your search** by content type, media type, magazine section, topics, or publication date.

Advanced Search

- Click on "Advanced Search" on the home page.
- Enter the search term into the box at the top of the page; you can limit by keyword, title, subject, content type, and contributor.
- You can further refine the search by publication type, magazine section, image type and publication date.

Image Search

- Click on "Image Search" on the home page
- Enter the search term into the box labeled "Search for Image Description"
- Check the boxes for the type of image you would like to search for, such as map or photograph. You can also use the Check All option.
- After you search, you can further limit your search using the links in the left column.

Additional Features You Might Like

- You can search within an article by clicking on the article and entering a search term into the box on the side.
- You can save articles into a folder to be read later by clicking the folder with a plus sign by the article (note: requires an account to save permanently)
- You can change the language of your choice by clicking the "English" button at the top of the screen. Note: Articles are still in English.